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INFO GENEVA 13 JUNE 1974. QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 1847

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS

REF: STATE 119953

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED MAY 17 ICRC NOTE AND GAVE COPY OF US REPLY TO DAVID MILLER, EXTAFF DIRECTOR FOR LEGAL OPERATIONS. MILLER SAID GOC SHARED USG DISMAY THAT ICRC HAD SEEN FIT TO RE-RAISE ISSUE OF PRG PARTICIPATION. EXTAFF IS PREPARING REPLY STATING FIRMLY CANADA'S OPPOSITION TO EXTENSION OF INVITATION TO PRG.

2. MILLER SAID GOC WOULD ALSO SEEK CONFIRMATION FROM ICRC THAT RESPONSES WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC. MILLER WILL BE MEETING WITH ICRC'S PICTE ON JUNE 21. HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY RESPONSE RECEIVED TO US NOTE, OR TO ORAL DEMARCHE TO GALLOPIA.

3. SPECULATING ON ICRC MOTIVATION, MILLER
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SAID ICRC DIRECTORATE ANXIOUS MAINTAIN AND

EXPAND OPERATIONS IN PRG CONTROLLED AREAS, AND
POSSIBLY UNDER PRESSURE FROM OPERATORS IN THE
FIELD. EVEN SO, EXTAFF FOUND ICRC NOTE PUZZLING,
AND WONDERED WHETHER GALLOPIN PERSONALLY HAD
REACHED SOME AGREEMENT WITH NORTH VIET NAM. EXTAFF
THEREFORE WILL STRESS NEED TO MAKE RESPONSES TO
ICRC NOTE MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD.
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